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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and these remarks. Claims 1-23 are currently pending.

In the Office Action, claims 1-17, 22 and 23 were allowed. Applicants note with appreciation that the subject matter of these claims has been allowed.

Claims 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0001315 to Morimoto in view of United States Patent No. 6,243,395 to Fujimori. Applicants respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicants previously have amended claim 18 to clarify that the data packet is a part of each of a plurality of timing portions and each timing portion has two or more data packets. Furthermore, the data packets have a header that contains a value that changes with each timing portion. In addition, the clock being provided by at least one time segment having a plurality of timing portions is also claimed.

Morimoto is directed to detecting the right time in a frame having multiple headers when there are errors in the headers. This is achieved by repeating the same time information in all the headers. If the same value is detected more than once in the headers, the time-value is taken as the detected identical value. On the other hand, the comparisons found in claim 18 are used to determine the time portion, referred to in the Specification as the hour, and the location within the time portion, referred to as the minute. If they match, then the hour portion is equal to the matched value. If they do not match, then the hour portion may be set to zero. Regardless of whether they match or not, the present invention updates the count of the minute value. This is claimed in the language that the header contains "a value that changes with each timing portion." In addition, the "value that changes with each time portion" corresponds to where there is a different value as found in allowed claims 1-10. Morimoto does not have the concept of the changing minute value. In addition, Fujimori does not include any discussion of the minute value or that the minute value changes.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Morimoto and Fujimori does not disclose, teach or otherwise disclose the value within the header that changes with each timing portion. Applicants therefore submit that claim

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18 is not obvious in view of the cited references. As claims 19-21 depend upon and include the limitations of claim 18, it is also respectfully submitted that these dependent claims are not obvious in view of the cited references for the reasons given above. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under Section 103(a) be withdrawn.

As the Applicants have overcome all substantive rejections and objections given by the Examiner and have complied with all requests properly presented by the Examiner, the Applicants contend that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

Please charge any fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees, to **50-2117**.

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